HIV positive/AIDS as ground for divorce

†2335. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission for Women had made a recommendation in its report submitted to Government during the year 2000-01 that if a woman is found infected with AIDS or HIV positive then it should be treated as a base for divorce in favour of male;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) to what extent it is fair to have such attitude towards the woman infected with AIDS or HIV positive while they require treatment and more care?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS): (a) and (c) No such recommendations have been made by the National Commission for Women in its report during the year 2000-01. However, it appears that the Department of Women and Child Development has received Annual Report for the year 2001-2002 of the National Commission for Women recently, where *inter alia* the said Commission has recommended amendment of section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, with a view to include the affliction of HIV/AIDS as one of the grounds for filing a petition for divorce by either of the parties to the marriage. The said report also appears to be under consideration of Department of Women and Child Development.

(b) Does not arise.

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2336. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the arrest of several judges of various courts during the last three years;

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